

**REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant
application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number: 09/418,887
Filing Date: 10/15/99
First Named Inventor: M. Cohen et al.
Group Art Unit: 1642
Examiner Name: N. Davis
Attorney Docket No. 5967.US.D1 (01207-0081)

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 27 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. Changes to the Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted:
- i. ☐ Consider the Amendment(s)/Reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on _____
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other: _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed:
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply 05/13/2003 SSESHE1 00000133 09418887
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) 01 FC:1801 750.00 OP
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- iv. ☐ Other: _____

3. **Fees** The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Total Claims		- 20 =		x \$9.00	\$	x \$18.00	\$
Indep. Claims		- 3 =		x \$42.00	\$	x \$84.00	\$
Multiple Dependent Claims Present				+ \$140.00	\$	+ \$280.00	\$
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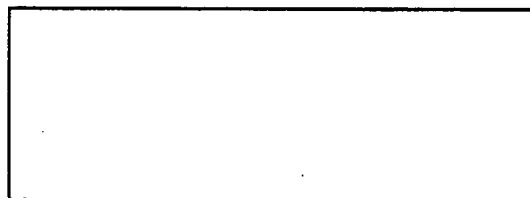
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18. ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 750.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-0785.
- i. ☐ RCE filing fee
- ☐ Extension of time fee
- ☐ Other _____

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT

Applicant: M. Cohen et al.

Serial No.: 09/418,887

Filed: October 15, 1999

For: Reagents and Methods Useful for
Detecting Diseases of the Prostate

Attorney Docket No.: 5967.US.D1 (01207-0081)

Examiner: N. Davis

Group Art Unit: 1642

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AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 24, 2002, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 21, 23, 27, 29, and 30 as follows:

21. (Twice Amended). A test kit useful for detecting a target polynucleotide in a test sample, comprising:

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a container containing at least one reagent polynucleotide having a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:2, and complete complements of SEQ ID NO:2.

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23. (Twice Amended). A purified polynucleotide having a sequence selected from the group consisting of: